

Meet the Staff



IGNATIUS McGuire, Associate Librarian in the Mailliard Library, has been connected with the Academy staff over a total period of 47 years. When still in grammar school, he was employed to assist Alice Eastwood in her extra-curatorial duties as Academy Librarian while the Library was still housed in its temporary quarters on Sansome Street.

After the Academy was moved to Golden Gate Park, he assisted in establishing the Steinhart Aquarium Library. Subsequently, in 1927, he was named Assistant Librarian, but left the Academy the following year for a position with the Guyot Library of Geology and Biology at Princeton University.

Ignatius returned to the Academy Library in 1935 to serve as a member of the staff under Veronica Sexton, the Academy's present Librarian. Later, he accepted a position as bibliographer with the Army Medical Library in Washington, D.C. where he remained until 1947, when he returned to his native state to become librarian of the Line School at the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School at Monterey.

The pull to the Academy remained strong however and he returned again in 1955. This record of association, coupled with his having been made a member of the Academy in 1915, is a distinction shared by few.

Travel and more travel has occupied much of his time -- to Europe and the Orient (not once, but twice), and to Australia, as well as countless crossings of the American continent.

He is devoted to his work, to music, and to good restaurants - in that order. His son, Robert, is a successful draftsman for the United States Navy.

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Spanish Navy and shows not only the Monterey Bay Region, but includes the Santa Lucia mountains, long a favorite collecting area for Alice Eastwood in her early search for botanical prizes. This area is also of prime interest to the present Curator of the Botany Department, John Thomas Howell.

And while speaking of Mr. Howell, it will be of interest to mention the fact that the summer issue of LEAFLETS OF WESTERN BOTANY features an unusual and provocative article by Theodore M. Barkley on Senecio integerrimus, the group commonly referred to as Groundsels and Ragworts. This particular issue of LEAFLETS was made possible, in part, by income from the Lena Gibbs and Ida Bourne Fund within the Department of Botany. LEAFLETS may be ordered from the Botany Department at a cost of 50¢. Yearly subscription rate, four issues, \$2.00.

The National Science Foundation has awarded a grant of \$16,900 to the Academy's Department of Amphibians and Reptiles for a reorganization of its collection.

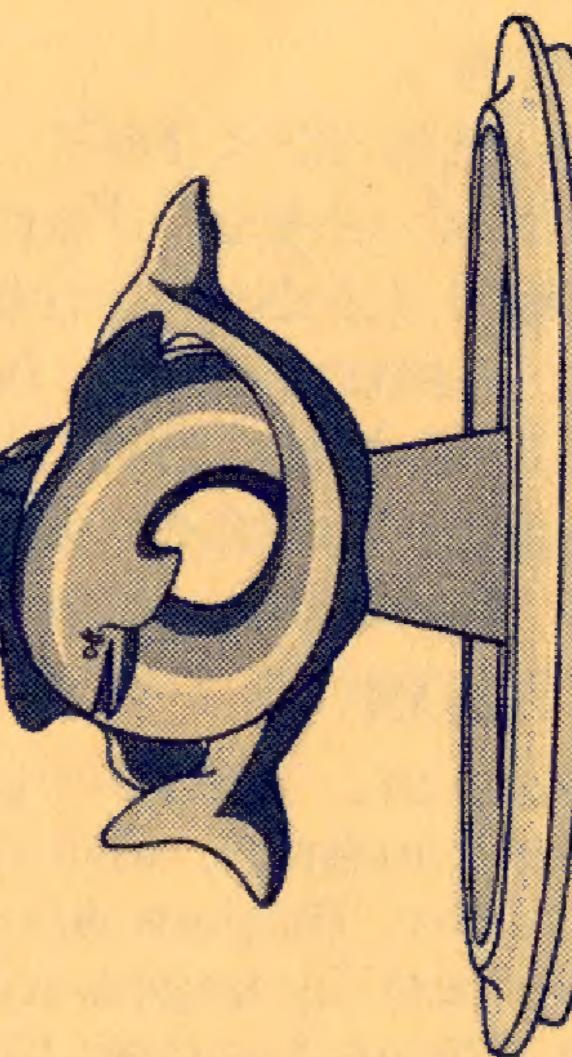
Also, Dr. Alan E. Leviton, Assistant Curator (in charge) of the Department, has been provided with \$600 by the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia to enable him to visit museums in the eastern United States for an examination of various collections of Philippine reptiles in order that he may complete his study of snakes of that area.

"Popular Astronomy", a 13-week course in elementary astronomy, is being offered by the Astronomy Department, beginning Tuesday, September 13 at 7:30 p.m. George Bunton and O. Richard Norton of the Planetarium staff will conduct the two-hour session in Morrison Planetarium. No previous knowledge of astronomy is necessary. Registration will take place at the first three meetings and the fee for the 13-week course is \$15.00.

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